



AGINFO 21 (2026) Commonwealth Award Update

Cessation of the Commonwealth Award

Last year Girl Guides Australia advised members that the Commonwealth Badge was being retired from the national badge offering with the last date for completion 30 June 2026.

With more members completing the badge than anticipated and having been in touch with Girl Guiding UK there is unfortunately no longer stock of the physical Commonwealth Badge available and no further badges can be produced. Guides who successfully completed the requirements by the end of June will therefore receive a Commonwealth Badge Certificate only in recognition of their achievement.

The certificate provides an opportunity to formally recognise members who have invested time and effort in completing the badge requirements during this transition period.

Looking to the future

Retiring badges from time to time allows Girl Guides Australia to ensure our program remains relevant, engaging and responsive to the interests and experiences of today's girls and young women. There is currently preliminary discussion as to a replacement offering focusing on international understanding, friendship and connection that continue to be important within Australian Guiding.

We will share any update with members as they become available.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in and supported the delivery of the Commonwealth Badge over the years.

Yours in Guiding,

Helen Reid
Chief Commissioner

